

City Council
Regular Meeting

July 15, 2024
6:30 p.m.

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given by all that were present.
- CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Gottman called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Vandalia City Council to order at 6:30 pm.
- ROLL CALL:** Aldermen Brosman, Barker, Stunkel, Lester, and Bowen were present. Lewey, Hobler and Hubler were absent.
- MOMENT OF SILENCE:** A moment of silence was held for Anita Meadows, mother of Fire Chief Mark Meadows and wife of Former Fire Chief and Code Official Keith Meadows; Joyce Lambert, former owner of L&M Antiques and mother-in-law of Sewer Plant Superintendent Mike Anderson; and Ethan Bouser, co-owner of RuralMed EMS.
- APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES DATED JULY 1, 2024:** Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve City Council meeting minutes dated July 1, 2024. Motion carried.
- TREASURER'S REPORT:** Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to file Treasurer's Report for period ending June 30, 2024, for audit. Motion carried.
- REGULAR BILLS:** Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to approve the regular bills. Motion carried.
- SPECIAL BILLS:** Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve the special bills as presented: Civic Systems, LLC in the amount of

\$6,639.00 for semi-annual technical fees; ADS Electric Corporation in the amount of \$10,725.00 for maintenance of stoplights; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$2,324.75 for electric bill; Mac's Fire and Safety, Inc., in the amount of \$24,079.52 for equipment; Discover Downstate Illinois in the amount of \$4,000.00 for membership dues; Beelman Logistics, LLC in the amount of \$33,284.59 for supplies; South Central FS in the amount of \$1,839.48 for diesel; Core and Main in the amount of \$2,613.12 for supplies; Vandalia City Garage in the amount of \$1,951.00 for maintenance; Hawkins, Inc., in the amount of \$8,486.28 for supplies; Municipal Equipment Company in the amount of \$2,246.12 for maintenance; IEPA in the amount of \$17,500.00 for permits. Motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
(RFP) FOR WATER PLANT:
(FAILED)**

Julie Polzin, representing Illinois American Water, addressed the Council, offering an opportunity to issue an RFP for possible purchase of the water and/or wastewater treatment plant. There would be no commitment by the City at this time. Gottman said this would give due diligence of what the plan is, and a good way for the City to make a decision. Brosman said he wanted to continue to gather more detailed information on what it would be like as far as the privatization of the water/sewer utilities before making a decision. This would be bid out to other vendors in addition to Illinois American Water. Motion was made by Brosman to give authorization for request for proposals for water plant. Motion died due to lack of a second.

RESOLUTION 2024-7-15-A:
A COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF
SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT
OF LOCAL FUNDS:

Motion was made by Bowen and seconded by Barker to approve Resolution 2024-7-15-A: A Council Resolution of Support and Commitment of Local Funds.

Roll call: Lester, yea; Stunkel, yea; Brosman, yea; Bowen, yea; Barker, yea. Hobler, Hubler and Lewey were absent. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT GRANT
WRITING AGREEMENT WITH
SCIRP&DC - DOWNTOWN
GRANT - NTE \$2,500.00:

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Stunkel to approve grant writing agreement with SCIRP&DC - downtown grant - NTE \$2,500.00.

Roll call: Stunkel, yea; Bowen, yea; Lester, yea; Barker, yea; Brosman, yea. Hobler, Hubler and Lester were absent. Motion carried.

BRYAN HOSICK:

Bryan Hosick, owner of Hosick Motors, addressed the Council regarding consideration of a sales tax rebate. He stated the average dealership in the U.S. makes 2% of sales. He stated his business generates an average of \$98,000.00 in annual sales tax and approximately \$37,000.00 in real estate taxes. He stated his goals for the new building he recently purchased are to increase inventory, have the capability to work on bigger vehicles, and expand the Service Department. Hosick is not requesting the City increase taxes; he is requesting any taxes that he makes above and beyond his current sales in the future, be rebated back to him in the future. Gottman said no action will be taken tonight on this matter.

ORDINANCE 2024-7-15-B:
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
EXECUTION OF REAL ESTATE

Connor (who joined the meeting via phone), stated this is the culmination of the agreement that

**PURCHASE AGREEMENT -
TUCKER WILLMS:**

was made with Tucker Willms. He said the Exhibit includes the full right of way, and he wants to make sure the lot and right of way are excluded, but he was not in fundamental disagreement about that. The Exhibit will be swapped out when the time comes. He does not want the roadway or easements included. Motion was made by Lester and seconded by Bowen to approve Ordinance 2024-7-15-B: An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Real Estate Purchase Agreement - Tucker Willms.

Roll call: Brosman, nay; Stunkel, yea; Bowen, yea; Barker, yea; Lester, yea. Lewey, Hobler and Hubler were absent. Motion carried.

**FIRST READING OF CLASS E
LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST
FROM MJC VANDALIA, INC.,
D/B/A JOE'S PIZZA OF
VANDALIA:**

Ben Davis, co-owner of Joe's Pizza, stated he would like to add beer and wine to the current menu. He also stated he is looking to expand at the present location or construct a new building. First reading of Class E Liquor License request submitted by MJC Vandalia, Inc., D/B/A Joe's Pizza of Vandalia. Since this is a first reading, action will be taken at the August 5, 2024 Council meeting.

**ACCEPTANCE OF TOURISM
COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES - JUNE 11, 2024:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to accept the Tourism Commission meeting minutes dated June 11, 2024. Motion carried.

**APPROVE OR REJECT BIDS
FOR CEMETERY MOWER:**

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Bowen to approve bid for cemetery mower submitted by Midwest Tractor Sales in the amount of \$11,145.00. Motion carried.

**APPROVE OR REJECT BID
FOR PUMP REPAIR OR
REPLACEMENT AT VANDALIA
CORRECTIONAL CENTER:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to approve bid submitted by Vandevanter Engineering to replace a pump at Vandalia

Correctional Center lift station in the amount of \$31,845.00. Brosman said that pump just services VCC. The City has had a lot of issues with those pumps in the past. He asked if the commutator at VCC is functioning or not. He thought that it should be functional to save wear and tear on the City's equipment. Paslay will check with VCC.

Roll call: Barker, yea; Brosman, yea; Lester, yea; Stunkel, yea; Bowen, yea. Hobler, Hubler and Lewey were absent. Motion carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF PLANNING
COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES - JULY 1, 2024:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Bowen to accept Planning Commission meeting minutes dated July 1, 2024. Motion carried.

**APPROVE OR REJECT BIDS
FOR GUNS AND ACCESSORIES
FOR THE POLICE
DEPARTMENT:**

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Stunkel to approve bid submitted by Kiesler Police Supply in the amount of \$11,186.71 for guns and accessories for the Police Department. Motion carried.

**ACCEPT OR REJECT BIDS
FOR 2 POLICE VEHICLES:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve bids submitted by Hosick Motors in the amount of \$50,880.00 for a 2025 Dodge Durango and \$53,475.00 for a 2024 RAM 1500. Motion carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF JOINT
PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING
MINUTES - JULY 8, 2024:**

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Stunkel to accept the Joint Public Safety Meeting minutes dated July 8, 2024. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON
LIBRARY BUILDING
PURCHASE:**

Will be discussed in Executive Session.

**ACCEPTANCE OF LAKE
COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES - JULY 1, 2024:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to accept the Lake Committee Meeting minutes dated July 1, 2024. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ON LAKE DAILY
STICKER FEES AND NON-
POWERED RECREATION
DEVICES:**

Discussion was held regarding adding fees to one day, two day and three day permits for 201+ horsepower boats. The fee for one day permit for 201+ horsepower would be \$30.00; two day permit for 201+ horsepower would be \$35.00 and three day permit for 201+ horsepower would be \$45.00. Paslay will draw up an Ordinance for the next Council meeting, reflecting those changes.

Discussion was held regarding the need for boat stickers for kayaks, canoes and paddleboards. The State of IL does not require stickers for these types of recreational vehicles. The City would still require the same insurance coverage as it is currently. Pat Click stated all non-powered watercraft are automatically covered on homeowner's insurance. He said a sign stating "By Ordinance, all watercraft on the City of Vandalia Lake must be covered by insurance" should be posted at the Lake. Lester said he was in favor of a blanket Ordinance. Gottman will check with Risk Management.

**AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK
BIDS FOR PAINTING LOWER
LEVEL OF CITY HALL:**

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Stunkel to give authorization to seek bids for painting the lower level of City Hall. Motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION TO DEVELOP
SPEC SHEET AND SEEK BIDS
FOR NEW BOOM MOWER
TRACTOR:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to give authorization to develop specification sheet and seek bids for new boom mower tractor for Streets. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Lee Beckman provided an update on current and pending City projects. Randolph Street upgrade project is

at IDOT. Paslay to meet with 120 Water regarding lead service line replacement. Cracks at the Dam will be sealed by the Lake employees. Phase I of Safe Routes to School is scheduled for letting in September, with construction next Spring. Gottman to reach out to the EPA to get status on permit that was to be issued in May. ITEP Sidewalk Project plans are at IDOT. Paslay to email Beckman names of people who need to be contacted. He is anticipating bidding it out this year. OSLAD grant - area was resurveyed. Beckman sent out the revised drawings. He stated the City needs to be sure it satisfies municipal procurement requirements. The City will need to wait until the grant agreement is received. The Lake Committee will meet to discuss what a contractor is able to do, what the City employees are able to do, and what the City Engineer is able to do.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Gottman reported he met with the neighbors of the property between Edwards and Johnson Streets on First Street. This property will be advertised and bid as surplus property. He also stated there is an alley between the parcels that needs to be vacated. Paslay will draw up Ordinances to sell surplus property and vacate that alley. There were no objections.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Connor will have a draft of the City's Comprehensive Solar Plan to the Aldermen within the next day or two.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

Huhn stated that they are waiting on authorization from the State to shred documents.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S
REPORT:**

Nothing to report.

**SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL
REPORT:**

Report provided in Council packet.

**STANDING COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

Barker stated the Street Department has been fixing water leaks. They also worked on a sewer project at Sunset and Fletcher. Lester asked about the status of the necessary repairs on the Interpretive Center. Paslay will follow up with Andy Vaughan on Wednesday. Stunkel stated Summer Fest was a success. Parking went much better this year. Workman said he would like a uniformed officer to assist with parking next year. Gottman would like to schedule a follow up meeting to discuss what worked, what needs to be improved, etc., with law enforcement and vendors being invited to that meeting. Stunkel stated that the language in the current Lake Ordinances will be reviewed by Workman and himself, with proposed changes discussed with the Lake Committee, Paslay and Connor before going to the Council for final approval. Workman stated using the second exit for traffic during Summer Fest was a big help.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND
CONCERNS:**

None.

**COUNCIL MOVES INTO
EXECUTIVE SESSION AT
7:45 P.M.:**

Gottman announced Council would be moving into Executive Session. Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to move into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. under 5 ILCS 120/2 to discuss possible purchase of property.

Roll call: Brosman, yea; Barker, yea; Lester, yea; Bowen, yea;

Stunkel, yea. Hobler, Hubler and Lewey were absent. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS
AT 8:22 P.M.:

Executive Session ends at 8:22 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION
RECONVENED AT 8:24 P.M.

Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular Council meeting at 8:24 p.m. with a roll call: Bowen, yea; Lester, yea; Barker, yea; Brosman, yea; Stunkel, yea. Hobler, Hubler and Lewey were absent.

Gottman reported that the Council is agreeable to moving forward with looking at planning and putting together a contract between the City of Vandalia, the County of Fayette, and the 911 Committee. A Committee will be set up that will include the County Board Chairman and 2 County Board members and the State Attorney. Gottman will appoint 2 Council members in addition to himself along with the City Attorney, and the entire 911 Board. The City is agreeable to the asking purchase price of the Library building of \$225,000.00. There will be a lease agreement between the City of Vandalia and 911. Gottman will contact the President of the Library District Board, Joanna Helm, and let her know of the decision to proceed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Carla Huber

City Clerk